

Ipswich Hobbies

General Modeling Tips for Craftsman Structure Kits

Safety Considerations

- This product is an adult hobby craftsman kit intended for those aged fourteen or above.
- The kits contains small parts and that may be harmful if placed in the mouth.
- Wear eye protection when using sharp tools and blades.
- Work in well-ventilated area when using adhesives and paints

Tools, Paints, and Adhesives

The following tools will be helpful in constructing our wood craftsman kits:

- X-ACTO knife with #11 blades
- Cutting mat
- Razor saw with mitre box
- Ponce wheel
- Fine grit sandpaper, sanding sticks and jeweler's files
- Paint brushes and paints
- Round toothpicks
- Tweezers
- Magnetic jig
- Machinists squares
- Masking tape

Adhesives

- Yellow carpenter's glue
- Canopy glue
- Super glue (ca, cyanoacrylate)
- Double-sided tape
- Glue stick

Painting and weathering

- Gray rattle-can primer
- Acrylic craft paints
- Chalks or weathering powders
- 70% Isopropyl alcohol – India ink

Painting and Weathering

- We recommend the use of inexpensive acrylic paints for most of our craftsman kit applications. It is generally best to prime both sides of each part. This will help to prevent warping. It will also help to prevent light leakage if you plan to add interior lighting to your structure (not included). Painting the building before assembly is much easier if any masking is involved. Try to avoid painting any surfaces where glue is to be applied.

- Unless you prefer a freshly painted look, weathering chinks are a good choice for adding a bit of dirt or grime to any surface. A ponce wheel can be used to simulate nail holes. 70% isopropyl alcohol with a teaspoon of India ink can also be lightly wiped or brushed on surfaced for an aged look.